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FULFILLMENT OF SLOVAKIAN ECONOMIC PLAN FOR 1951

The Slovakian Bureau of Statistics has reported on the fulfillment of the economic plan for 1951. The percentage of completion of the over-all industrial production plan and of the individual sectors connected with it is shown in the table below.

| <u>Sector</u> | <u>Percent of Completion</u> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Over-all industrial production | 98.3 |
| Heavy industry | 97.1 |
| Light industry | 100.5 |
| Food industry | 96.6 |

Compared to 1950, gross production rose by 19.5 percent. This is accounted for by increases of 36.3 percent in heavy industry, 12.8 percent in light industry, and 8.3 percent in the food industry. On the whole, Slovakian industry produced 3½ times as much goods in 1951 as were produced in 1937, and work productivity rose 8.6 percent as compared to last year. The rise in work productivity for some of the production sectors is shown in the attached table.

Agriculture

The grain harvest was 2.9 percent greater than planned, and the amount of livestock was increased by 6.1 percent more cows, 12.6 percent more sows and 19 percent more ewes than last year. State farms augmented their acreages 10.2 percent over last year and put 6.1 percent more land under cultivation. The number of JZD's (Jednotne Zemedelske Druzstvo, Unified Agricultural Cooperatives) increased 12.3 percent, bringing their total to 1,612, by the end of the year. In addition, there are some 539 preparatory committees in existence to date. The number of machine and tractor service stations quadrupled during the past year. Compared to 1950, 20.9 percent more timber was produced, and the building industry achieved 93.9 percent of planned fulfillment. The industry erected 256,600 square meters of shop space for transportation and

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industry, 270,478 square meters of other production buildings, 241,335 square meters of agricultural buildings, and 138,062 square meters of communal live-stock feeding facilities. In addition, 5,269 dwelling units, both in family houses and apartments, and 122,121 square meters of space for communal boarding of workers, were erected.

Railroads

The railroads fulfilled their freight transportation plan 104 percent and their passenger transportation achieved 120 percent success. Freight transportation alone amounted to 16 percent more in 1951, and some 30 million additional passengers were transported this year than in 1950.

Electric Power and Communications

In this field, 455 new obecs were added to the telephone circuit, bringing the total up to 2,723. Two thirds of all obecs were electrified, 100 new cinemas were opened, and the size of the subscribing radio audience increased by some 47,000 persons.

Employment and Public Welfare

Industry in Slovakia employed 10 percent more workers than last year, and about 55 percent of all employees in business were found to be women. The number of public day nurseries increased 18 percent, and their capacity grew 24 percent as compared to 1950.

Education and Vital Statistics

During 1951, more than 56,000 pupils attended kindergarten, 373,000 attended national schools /primary schools/, 188,000 attended secondary schools, 398,000 attended industrial and specialist schools, and 28,000 attended the remaining tertiary schools. Almost 10,000 persons studied at universities. An 18-percent decline in the death rate over 1937, and a 27-percent increase in birth rate over the same year, were attributed to a general improvement in the standard of living. The Slovakian population is reported to have doubled since 1937.

Rise in Work ProductivityProduction Sector

| | <u>Rise in Work Productivity</u> (%) |
|----------------------|---|
| Iron-ore mining | 8.1 |
| Manganese-ore mining | 7.8 |
| Production of | |
| Oil | 12.4 |
| Electric power | 15 |
| Gas | 20 |
| Raw steel | 34.5 |
| Iron castings | 16.2 |
| Rolled products | 28.1 |
| Steel castings | 208.9 |
| Rolling stock | 88.6 |
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Production SectorRise in Work Productivity
(%)

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|---------------------------------|------|
| Heat-resistant products | |
| Rayon | 21.5 |
| Silk and semisilk [sic] fabrics | 12.1 |
| Work clothing | 79.8 |
| Sugar | 41.2 |
| Butter | 9.8 |
| Artificial edible fats | 39.5 |
| Baked goods (cookies, etc.) | 16.1 |
| Wheat products | 31.5 |
| | 10.8 |

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